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"Berlin Patient," "Antivaxxers," and the "Invasion of Ukraine": How Current Events Affect our Language.

Every December countries around the world announce the results of the “Word of The Year” or the WOTY Contest, a selection of the most important words or expressions in the public sphere during a specific year. Since 2021 was still COVID-heavy, the choices were predictable: pandemic-related words won almost everywhere. However, in Russia there was one more keynote: repressions and the confrontation between the opposition and the government. How does our language reflect the public sentiment, situation in politics, and the atmosphere in general?



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Dr. Turkova is an international journalist, linguist (PhD in Philology), and educator. For over 20 years she has been a news anchor for radio and TV shows around the world, ranging from NTV, REN TV and Echo of Moscow in Russia, to Hromadske TV in Ukraine. She currently works as a broadcast journalist for the Russian service of Voice of America in the United States.